

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Intry-Minty.

Willie and Bess, Georgie and May—
Once, as these children were hard
at play,
An old man, hoary and tottering,
came
And watched them playing their
pretty game.
He seemed to wonder, while stand-
ing there,
What the meaning thereof could
be.
Aha! but the old man yearned to
share
Of the little children's innocent
glee,
As they circled around with laugh
and shout,
And told this rhyme at counting
out:
"Intry-mintry, cutrey-corn,
Apple seed and apple thorn;
Wire, brier, limber, lock,
Twelve geese in a flock;
Some flew east, some few west,
Some flew over the cuckoo's
nest!"

Willie and Bess, Georgie and May—
Ah, the mirth of that summer day!
'Twas Father Time who had come to
share
The innocent joy of those children
there.
He learned betimes the game they
played
And into their sport went he.
How could the children have been
afraid,
Since little they recked whom
he might be.
They laughed to hear old Father
Time
Mumbling that curious nonsense
rhyme
Of "Intry-mintry cutrey-corn,
Apple seed and apple thorn;
Wire, brier, limber, lock,
Twelve geese in a flock;
Some flew east, some few west,
Some flew over the cuckoo's
nest!"

Willie and Bess, Georgie and May,
And joy of summer—where are they?
The grim old man still standeth near
Crooning the song of a far-off year;
And into the winter I come alone,
Cheered by that mournful re-
quiem,
Soothed by the dolorous monotone
That shall count me off as it
counted them—
The solemn voice of old Father
Time
Chanting the homely nursery rhyme
He learned of the children a
summer morn
When, with "apple seed and ap-
ple thorn,"
Life was full of the dulcet cheer
That bringeth the grace of
heaven anear—
The sound of the little ones hard
at play,
Willie and Bess, Georgie and
May.

—Eugene Field.

"Number One."

"He is a Number One boy," said
grandmother, proudly. "A great
boy for his books. Indeed, he would
rather read than play, and that is
saying a good deal for a boy of ten."
"It is, certainly," returned Uncle
John; "but what a pity it is that he
is blind!"

"Blind!" exclaimed grandmother.
And the Number One boy looked up,
too, in wonder.

"Yes, blind, and a little deaf, also,
I fear," answered Uncle John.

"Why, John, what put that into

your head?" asked grandmother,
looking perplexed.

"Why, the Number One boy him-
self," said Uncle John. "He has
been occupying the one easy-chair in
the room all the forenoon, never
seeing you, nor his mother when she
came in for a few minutes' rest.
Then, when your glasses were mis-
laid, and you had to climb upstairs
to look for them, he neither saw nor
heard anything that was going on."

"Oh, he is so busy reading," apol-
ogized grandmother.

"That is not a very good excuse,
mother," replied Uncle John, smiling.
"If Number One is not blind nor
deaf, he must be very selfish, indeed,
to occupy the best seat in the room,
and let older people run up and down
stairs while he takes his ease."

"Nobody asked me to give up my
seat nor to run on errands," said
Number One.

"That should not have been neces-
sary," urged Uncle John. "What are
a boy's eyes and ears for, if not to
keep him posted on what is going
on around him? I am glad to see
you fond of books; but, if a pretty
story makes you forget all things ex-
cept amusing Number One, better
run out and play with other boys, and
let grandmother enjoy the comfort
of her rocker in quiet."—Church
Progress.

Beecher's Advice to His Son.

From a letter once written to his
son by the famous preacher, we take
the following wise hints, which are
good for all young men—and young
women, too:

"You must not get into debt.
Avoid debt as you would the devil.
Make it a fundamental rule: Cash
or nothing.

"Make but few promises. Religi-
ously observe the smallest promise.
A man who means to keep his prom-
ises can't afford to make many.

"Be scrupulously careful in all
statements. Aim at accuracy and
perfect frankness, no guess work—
either nothing or exact truth.

"When working for others, sink
yourself out of sight; seek their in-
terest. Make yourself necessary to
those who employ you by industry,
fidelity, and scrupulous integrity.
Selfishness is fatal.

"Hold yourself responsible for a
higher standard than anybody else
expects of you. Demand more of
yourself than anybody expects of
you. Keep your own standard high.
Never excuse yourself to yourself.
Never pity yourself. Be a hard mas-

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ter to yourself, but lenient to every-
body else.

"Concentrate your force on your
own business; do not turn off. Be
constant steadfast, persevering.

"The art of making one's fortune
is to waste nothing; in this country,
any intelligent and industrious
young-man may become rich if he
stops all leaks and is not in a hurry.
Do not make haste; be patient.

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